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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 24-26, 28, 31-39 and 42-48 are pending and have been rejected.

Claims 24, 34 and 39 have been amended.

Claim 31 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. In making this cancellation without prejudice, Applicants reserve all rights in these claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

The Telephone Interview

Initially, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner Anthony J. Daniels for granting and attending the telephone interview, with Applicants' Representatives Caleb Pollack, Reg. No. 37,912, and Tami Ben Ari, on October 11, 2011. During the interview, distinctions between the claimed invention and the Nagaya reference were discussed.

Agreement was reached that the limitations of claim 31 if combined with the independent claims overcame the prior art rejections of record.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 24-26, 28, 33-37, 39, 43 and 45-48 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Chen et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0075537) in view of Nagaya et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,741,977) and further in view of Foran et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,027,633). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of the remarks that follow.

During the October 11, 2011 telephone interview, Agreement was reached that the limitations of claim 31 if combined with the independent claims overcame the prior art rejections of record. Applicants have amended the limitations of claim 31 (with appropriate adjustments) into the independent claims.

Chen et al. discloses an examination bundle 200 (Fig. 2A) or bundle 220 (Fig. 2B) which is the complete set of all images captured during the examination (paragraph [0029]). The examination bundle 200 is received by a processor 402, which is “preferably connected to a CRT display 404” and transmits the data to an output device 409, which can comprise a hard copy printer or a storage device (paragraph [0053]). However, as indicated by the Examiner on page 4 of the Office action, Chen et al. does not detail how the images are displayed.

Nagaya et al. discloses a user interface for viewing images, in which a list of representative images are displayed (see Fig. 8, numeral 420 and Fig. 9, numeral 570). When a given one of representative images 573 is clicked, a picture recorded during the relevant event period is reproduced in display field 550 in “an animation fashion” (see column 16, lines 38-55).

In the Office Action on page 3, in response to the Applicants’ arguments, the Examiner alleged that the display in Nagaya et al. “can be manipulated such that representative images are displayed simultaneously within a specific time period (Figure 9, Col. 16, Lines 38-50). From this disclosure, it is inherent that images captured and displayed within one time period will be different from an image captured and displayed within another time period”.

Nagaya et al. disclose in column 16, lines 42-47, that in Figure 9 “there are displayed in the representative image list display field 570 information 571 concerning the place and the date for the image list being displayed, time information 572 indicating the time period on an hour-by-hour basis and the representative images 573”. The times presented on the Nagaya et al. display are the capture times of the images. Nagaya et al. does not disclose “time-sequential slots” across which subsets of frames are displayed, a subset at each slot simultaneously, and the subsets of images in Nagaya et al. are not displayed as a multi-frame image stream.

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Foran et al. disclose a user interface (Fig. 6), which includes a “current image workspace 602” that displays an image (still image) currently under investigation. The user may navigate through an entire image or identify a region of interest within an image. Additionally the user interface includes “matched image workspaces 608” that display images (still images) retrieved from a database upon comparison to the query image (column 17, line 42 to column 18, line 11).

None of Chen et al., Nagaya et al. or Foran et al. teach or suggest, *inter alia*, “adjusting the size of at least one of the frames displayed based on the assigned score”, as recited in amended independent claims 24 and 39 or “wherein the size of at least one of the frames displayed is adjusted based on the assigned score” as in independent claim 34. Therefore, amended independent claims 24, 34 and 39 are allowable.

Each of claims 25, 26, 28, 33, 35-37, 43 and 45-48 depends from one of claims 24, 34 and 39 and therefore includes all the limitations of that claim. At least for this reason, claims 25, 26, 28, 33, 35-37, 43 and 45-48 are likewise allowable.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 24-26, 28, 33-37, 39, 43 and 45-48 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 31 and 42 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Chen et al. in view of Nagaya et al. and Foran et al. and further in view of Balabanovic et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,976,229). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of the remarks that follow.

Claim 31 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The limitations of claim 31 have been included, with the required changes, into independent claims 24, 34 and 39.

Claim 42 depends from claim 39 and therefore includes all the limitations of that claim.

Balabanovic et al. teaches selection of a thumbnail image in order to view the full sized image on a viewing window (see Figure 1). Balabanovic et al. do not teach or suggest the above-quoted limitations of independent claims 24, 34 and 39, and therefore does not cure the deficiencies of Chen et al. in view of Nagaya et al. in view of Foran et al. discussed

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above. At least for this reason, claim 42 is likewise allowable.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection to claim 42 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Chen et al. in view of Nagaya et al. in view of Foran et al. and further in view of Shibnuma et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,642,157). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of the remarks that follow.

Claim 32 depends from claim 24 and therefore includes all the limitations of that claim. Shibnuma et al. does not cure the deficiencies of Chen et al. in view of Nagaya et al. and Foran et al. discussed above. At least for this reason, claim 32 is likewise allowable.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Chen et al. in view of Nagaya et al. in view of Foran et al. and further in view of Iddan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,764,440). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of the remarks that follow.

Claim 38 depends from claim 34 and therefore includes all the limitations of that claim. Iddan et al. do not cure the deficiencies of Chen et al. in view of Nagaya et al. and Foran et al. discussed above. At least for this reason, claim 38 is likewise allowable.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 44 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Chen et al. in view of Nagaya et al. and Foran et al. and further in view of Bille (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0110948). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of the remarks that follow.

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Claim 44 depends from claim 24 and therefore includes all the limitations of that claim. Bille does not cure the deficiencies of Chen et al. in view of Nagaya et al. and Foran et al. discussed above. At least for this reason, claim 44 is likewise allowable.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 44 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

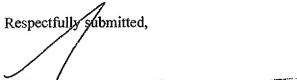
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants assert that the pending claims are allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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